

We would like to strongly oppose the loosening of FCC regulations on the concentration of ownership of our public airwaves. The airwaves are a public trust and should not be concentrated in the hands of a few powerful corporations or media conglomerates. The purpose of public airwaves and the FCC regulations are to increase the public's understanding of issues and events by encouraging a multitude of voices. The FCC should not allow for the creation of a media oligopoly that will allow the participating corporations to increase their profit margins (even if this derives from achieving economies of scale for the industry). In our opinion the FCC was established to protect the public trust and is required to ensure that users of our public airwaves provide good, local and informative information and dialogue to serve the divergent voices needed to make our democracy work. The FCC was not designed to help corporations improve their bottom line. Rather, the FCC should focus on safeguarding a healthy variety of differing viewpoints as a way to help maintain and nurture our democratic processes.

We encourage you to vote against the loosening of rules to increase the percentage of ownerships of radio stations, TV stations or print media at your June 2nd meeting.

Sincerely

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